

Introduced by Senator Florez

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 49427 of the Education Code, relating to public schools, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 473, as introduced, Florez. Public schools: State School Health Advisory Council.

Existing law establishes criteria for employment of school medical personnel, and declares the intent of the Legislature that adequate fundamental school health services be maintained.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to appoint a State School Health Advisory Council to make recommendations regarding model health services programs and practices by January 1, 2005. The bill would require the council to collaborate with the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health Services to develop school health services and school nursing services criteria. The bill would appropriate \$144,000 from the General Fund to the superintendent for the costs of the advisory council.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 49427 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 49427. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing
- 4 board of each school district and each county superintendent of

1 schools maintain fundamental school health services at a level that
2 is adequate to accomplish all of the following:

3 (1) Preserve pupils' ability to learn.

4 (2) Fulfill existing state requirements and policies regarding
5 pupils' health.

6 (3) Contain health care costs through preventive programs and
7 education.

8 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that the provision of
9 these services may be in jeopardy due to the current caseloads in
10 the public schools, and that failure to maintain adequate health
11 services and standards will result in pupils' poorer health and
12 ability to learn.

13 (c) *The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint a*
14 *State School Health Advisory Council to make recommendations*
15 *to the State Department of Education and the State Department of*
16 *Health Services to identify model school health services programs*
17 *and practices that directly serve pupils by January 1, 2005, that*
18 *can be utilized by county offices of education to provide support*
19 *and technical assistance to schools and school districts within*
20 *each county in order to improve the safety and quality of health*
21 *services to pupils in school districts in each county. The council*
22 *shall collaborate with the State Department of Education and the*
23 *State Department of Health Services to develop school health*
24 *services and school nursing services criteria to be included and*
25 *reviewed in the Coordinated Compliance Review process, by*
26 *January 1, 2005. The council shall also develop criteria for county*
27 *offices of education to consider when selecting and hiring county*
28 *school nurse consultants.*

29 (d) *The council shall serve without compensation. However,*
30 *expenses of members of the council to attend meetings shall be*
31 *reimbursed at the applicable rate for state employees. The council*
32 *may meet four times each year in Sacramento and may be*
33 *comprised of representatives from the following organizations:*
34 *American Lung Association of California, American Cancer*
35 *Society, American Diabetes Association, American Academy of*
36 *Pediatrics, California School Nurses Organization, California*
37 *State PTA, California Teachers Association, American School*
38 *Health Association, Association of California School*
39 *Administrators, California School Boards Association, California*
40 *School Employees Association, California Medical Association,*

1 *California Dental Association, California Optometric*
2 *Association, schools of nursing, School Nurse Credentialing*
3 *Program, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the Attorney*
4 *General, California Assembly on School-Based Health Care,*
5 *youth groups, health maintenance organizations, the State*
6 *Department of Education, the State Department of Health*
7 *Services, county offices of education, county health departments,*
8 *the State Department of Mental Health, and any other entity*
9 *deemed necessary and appropriate by the Superintendent of*
10 *Public Instruction.*

11 SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred forty-four thousand dollars
12 (\$144,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Superintendent of Public Instruction for the costs of the State
14 School Health Advisory Council established pursuant to Section
15 49427 of the Education Code.

